

*A Utah Conference for*

# Everyone Affected *by* Birth Defects

**Birth Defects:** A Lifetime Journey for  
Children and Families

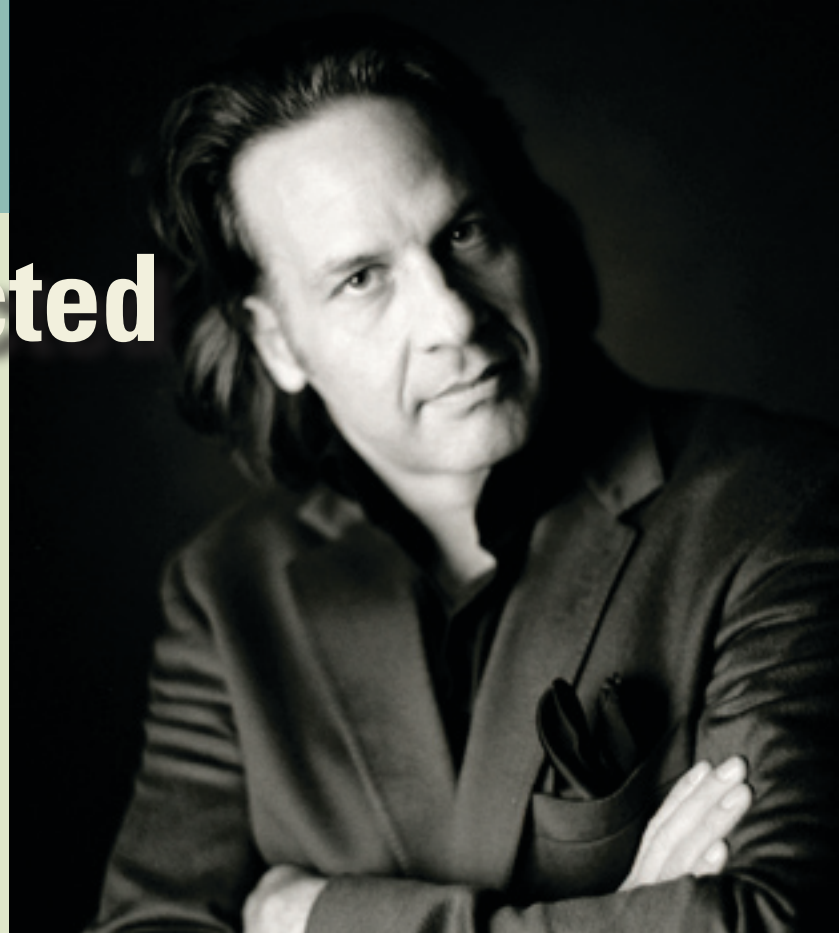
**Keynote Speaker: Kurt Bestor**

Musician/Composer & AM-820 Radio Personality

Saturday, January 21 • 1-5 p.m.

Spencer F. and Cleone Eccles Health Sciences Education Building

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**Every year, more than 1400 Utah children are born with birth defects.**

So begins a life-changing journey that impacts families, communities, and society.

Come to Utah's first conference on birth defects, to learn and network with others affected by birth defects. Parents and parents-to-be, family members, providers, educators, and legislators are especially invited.

## Don't miss this special opportunity

**This important conference on birth defects features keynote speaker Kurt Bestor, father of two children born with spina bifida. In addition to sharing his own experiences, Kurt offers a positive perspective on the difficulties and joys this challenge brings.**

### CONFERENCE BREAKOUT SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- Beginning the Journey
- Coping with Emotional Issues
- Making Connections
- Adding Life to Years

Opportunities for interaction and quiet discussions with other families and care givers will abound. A panel discussion, "Continuing the Journey," will conclude the conference.

Participation is free, but seating is limited and pre-registration is required. To register, please phone **801-257-0566**, or **866-818-7096** or go on-line at **www.health.utah.gov/birthdefect**.

### PLAN NOW TO ATTEND:

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Please join the March of Dimes in encouraging state support for the Utah Birth Defect Network. The UBDN tracks all birth defects in Utah and looks for their causes. The information gathered is essential to finding and addressing these causes. The UBDN also provides education and outreach programs to healthcare providers, families and parents-to-be.

Federal funding for the UBDN has been reassigned. Without state funding, the UBDN will cease to exist. That would be a tragic disservice to our state's children and their parents. Please let your state representative know of your support for the Utah Birth Defect Network.



Eccles Health Sciences Education Building is located just south of University Hospital, at 26 South 2000 East on the University of Utah campus.



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